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Her Majesty inspecting Canadian
Troops accompanied by Major J.
Wilson, of our store.

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COVER PICTURE

We are honored by the publication of a picture of Her Majesty the Queen on the cover of this "Bayonet". Major James Wilson, of the "Bay" is shown escorting Queen Elizabeth while she was inspecting Canadian troops somewhere in England. Jim appears to be keeping fit and is doing a fine job of escorting and soldiering.



HEXTON MANOR, HERTS, ENGLAND

This picture of our Governor's Home was sent to the Bayonet by Mrs. Hearne, mother of Nurse M. B. Hearne, formerly of the store hospital. Nurse Hearne recently spent an enjoyable leave from military duty at this lovely spot. On another page readers will find a description of Miss Hearne's visit and an appreciation of our Governor's and Mrs. Cooper's wonderful kindness.

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STORE MANAGER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

MY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE to you all this year is a heart-felt "Thank You" for doing your very best always during the most trying portion of our Store Year. Somehow our Staff always seem to be either sharply "keyed-up" or "pointed" for this busiest shopping season, and when the going is toughest, SERVICE is best. Even the large numbers of new "Extras" helping for the first time have kept up this great tradition.

In the coming year we shall face together many problems we have never had before. But new problems are interesting things, and the progress made during 1941 both with respect to the War and to our own business, gives us high faith for 1942.

Those who are in the Fighting Forces are still helping us, but in a new way which makes us proud. May they all be back to take their old places before 1942 is gone.

To you and them—may you and your families enjoy a restful Christmas Holiday, and a New Year to come of "ceilingless" courage, accomplishment, and happiness.

At Home and Abroad — God Bless you All.

G. F. KLEIN





MR. BILL FUNK:

A new piggy Bank.

MR. GEO. FERME:

"Pogue" Carburetors for the Delivery Wagons.

MR. CHARLIE PLOWS:

A Hope Chest (for his February quotas).

MR. W. P. BARRETT:

The New Hat he won (but didn't get).

MR. TERRY RUDD:

A Main Floor Basement.

MR. TED CLARKE:

Bottle of "Thatcho" (for his hair). What hair?

MR. HERB DARGIE:

Hitler's Fingerprints.

To all Readers we wish a Very Merry Christmas, Joy and Prosperity in 1942: and a Few Special Good Wishes for

MR. G. F. KLEIN:
Continued Good Health and "A-Hole-in-One."

MR. N. W. DOUGLAS:
Bottle of Soothing Syrup (Ingredients — Soaring Sales).

MR. J. SMITH:
Headach Powders (tied with bows of red tape).

MR. R. S. CAREY:
Roll of Stage Money (with string attached for retrieving donations).

MR. L. H. BENJAMIN:
A Muffler.

MR. J. P. McNICHOL:
One Satisfied Department Manager.

MR. LES WEBB:
A Parachute.

MR. BILL CALDER:
A Haggis and a ton of Coal.

MR. PERCY WHITE:
A good digestion (for banqueting); steel mitts (for glad-handing).

MR. J. T. HOWARD:
Tooled Leather First Edition (of new Government Credit Regulations).



GROCERY PACKING ROOM

By MARY NEELY

PEEP behind the scenes is always interesting and sometimes very instructive. Do any of us I wonder ever stop to think when we 'phone our grocery order or shop in person, how the groceries are packed and who does the work? The Packing Room is an important cog in the Grocery Service and a hive of industry at all times. It's a large brightly lit and well ventilated area on the south side of the Basement Floor . . . behind the scenes. Under plans created by Mr. A. Clayton, the room has been recently completely remodelled, new fixtures installed and a new packing system is now operating. The new stock fixtures are particularly clever. Merchandise is placed into racks which slope toward the Packing Floor. As items are taken out to fill orders, other items automatically slide into place, ready for the next order. This big rack fixture holds a multitude of grocery items of every conceivable kind in cans, boxes and packages, each in its own groove. Adjoining is the meat packing section, a clean modern layout, manned by butchers adept at cutting and assembling the various joints and roasts. The packing of grocery orders is done by a staff of girls each with a packing table on wheels, equipped with paper, bags and string. Avis Reid is the pretty little girl who walks miles and miles a day collecting the orders from the Food Shop counters and the dumb waiter which brings them down from the 'Phone Room. Don Baird our capable chief packer then distributes the orders

to the girls. It is interesting to see them at work. First they read the order carefully and if it is large the packer gets a strong wooden box in which to pack the groceries. These boxes are collapsible and when the goods are delivered to the customer they fold up compactly and are brought back to the Store. The packer wheels her table around the room in front of the racks, packing each item separately before placing it in the box. An order may call for canned goods, sugar, tea, flour, bacon, fruit, vegetables, biscuits, butter and meat. When packed the box is wheeled to the centre of the room and is easily pushed on to the travelling belt where it is carried up to the delivery. The system is arranged so that the girls do not have any heavy lifting to do. Fruit and vegetable orders are carefully graded and pre-packed ready for the girls to slide on to their tables . . . a real time saving operation. So the work goes on smoothly and speedily with a minimum of fuss and waste effort. So much for the method, now lets meet the staff.

First there's Chief Packer Baird, a veteran of around 15 years service, noted for his cheery good humour, looking just as young as when he started on the job. He has the knack of keeping everybody busy and happy.

Then there's Emma Cannon, the girl who takes the "complaints" and enquiries about orders. I don't mean to imply there are a lot of complaints, but mistakes do happen even in the best run departments, and customers sometimes become very irate and impatient. Emma is a past master at smoothing out difficulties to everybody's satisfaction. She, too will soon have 15 years service to her credit.

Orval Harvey is the Stockman, keeping the racks full at all times, and filling the heavy orders of Flour and Sugar. His job keeps him constantly on the go and he is always ready to give a cheerful, helping hand to others. He is another long service employee. Nora Jackson was with us in the old store, but left for a few years. She is now back packing groceries in the modern manner. Other members of the Packing Staff are Bessie Lebersen, Margaret Stane, Maud Fraser, Margaret Oakes, Sadie Roberts, Vic Kalennes and Florence Moore. They're all doing fine work, a grand group of people whom we, on the selling floors do not see much of. Why not drop in on them sometime, see how they work and tell your family how Bay Foods are packed.

GOD BLESS YOU, MERRY CAROLLERS!



W. Davidson
Thomson



Joseph Lyon



G. McKenzie

THE MAIN FLOOR is shrouded in semi-darkness. Subdued red candle lights hung on Christmas decorated pillars cast soft shadows on the gift piled counters below. Through the entrances, past the tinsel and color of a fairy-like scene people congregate in front of the mezzanine stairs. There is a hush, an air of expectation. Then, on the stroke of nine, the air is filled with the lovely strains of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." And for the next half hour the Main floor echoes with beautiful Christmas Carols sung by the "Bay" Choir, now in its 11th year.

Thousands of Winnipegers and thousands of radio fans every year look forward to Christmas carols as sung by our Choir. Such a following did not happen by accident. So we're going to tell you something about the people responsible for the success of our Carol Choir.

Mr. W. Davidson Thomson, conductor, has been with the Choir since its inception. It is through his talents as a conductor that the Choir has attained its great popularity. Mr. Thomson is a noted Canadian baritone and has appeared in Recital and Oratorio in many of the principal cities of the Dominion. He has been a member of the Knox Church Choir for 35 years, 20 of which as Choirmaster. He



J. Alder



K. Carberry



W. Watson



T. P. Rawlinson

By Joe Peterson

is in great demand in Canada and some American cities for Convention recitals. We are indeed fortunate to have a man of such musical ability as leader.

Joseph Lyon, the accompanist, has an equally prominent career in music. He has played for Mr. Thomson on many important occasion. His dynamic zeal and versatility have always been outstanding features in his performances.



W. Percy White

We can thank Mr. W. P. White for the thorough organization work, without which the Choir would not have functioned so smoothly. Mr. J. Alder is responsible for the music supply and has carried out his work remarkably well for the last 11 years. Then we have those "old reliables" around whom the Choir is built every year and who have been with the Choir since its beginning. They are: Miss G. McKenzie, Miss K. Carberry, T. Upjohn, F. Upjohn, T. Rawlinson, and W. Watson.

BEAVER CLUB NEWS

By BILL STAINTON

SINCE the last issue of the Bayonet two of your Directors have left the Store to join His Majesty's Forces, Ed. Argue and Ross Coleman. Jack Crithen has been appointed in Ed. Argue's place but as yet no one has been found to fill Ross's shoes.

On 7th November, sixteen parcels were despatched to our boys Overseas. These contained butter, cheese, canned meat, fruit cake, chocolate bars, cigarettes, and other comforts.

After a great deal of deliberation and consultation with various members of the Staff your Directors decided not to hold a Kiddies' Christmas Party this year, but instead decided to spend the money in helping some of the British Children. A donation was made to the Queen's Canadian Fund for Air Raid Victims. We are sure that this meets the approval of Members.



Lunch Hour Rest Period in Beaver Club Rooms.

Left: Employees' Cafeteria.



Sharing the lunch pail with our Christmas Extras

By F. MORRIS

The pulse of the Beaver Club Lunch Room will be stepped up again to meet the

demand caused by the peak influx of extras. This no doubt works a slight hardship on our regular members who enjoy for the greater part of the year the service, comfort and leisure of these rooms, which is their just right. But, in our indignation of the poacher, let us not overlook these factors. They are enjoying only part time employment; these restful surroundings offer a brief spell of relaxation from the hustle and bustle of business. The Menu proves mighty easy on the pocket book and saves car fare — further as it's an employees' Club they should be made to feel at home and at ease, and as Club Members, it is our duty to show them every courtesy. Remember being an extra isn't all honey and clover and your help and consideration will reflect the purpose and good of our Club.

SHE WOULDNT NEED A CANE — SHE'D BOUNCE

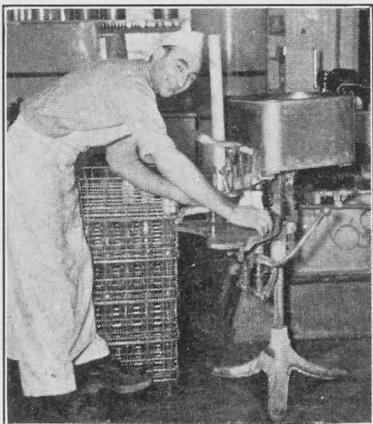
An extract from a letter received in our Personal Shopping Service:

Dear Sirs:

"Please send a cane suitable for an old lady with a good rubber end costing about 3.95."

HOW MANY?

In this issue the *Bayonet* starts a series of sketches under the above heading. It will deal with people here and there about the Store . . . their jobs, their hobbies, and length of service. Many of them are engaged in work requiring constant application and repetition. The tasks they do or products they turn out amount to thousands in a year. You'll be surprised in many cases to learn how many. We hope you will find interest in these sketches of your co-workers.



THE DAIRY

UP ON THE FIFTH FLOOR behind the Cafeteria is a corner of the Store seldom visited by any of the Staff — Our Dairy — This is where Dmytro Mymko has carried on good work for more than nine years. The Dairy pasteurizes the milk and cream used in the Restaurant, Cafeteria, Jolly Canuck and other departments, . . . mixes the ice cream, the Malted Milk, and Dairy Orange Drinks. The department is equipped with a modern Milk Cooler, Bottling Machine, a modern Ice

Cream Freezer and other "gadgets" and Dmytro is a busy man at all times, for the demand for his products is large. Take Ice Cream, he mixes about 10,000 gallons of this every year for sale in the Store. Our Camera shot shows him at the Bottling Machine, which fills approximately 72,000 bottles of milk and cream in a year. Mr. Mymko was an enthusiastic roller skater at one time, but says he has no time these days to indulge in the sport. Next time you are enjoying your ice cream dessert and a cool glass of milk, think of our Dairyman's constant and conscientious work at the back of it.

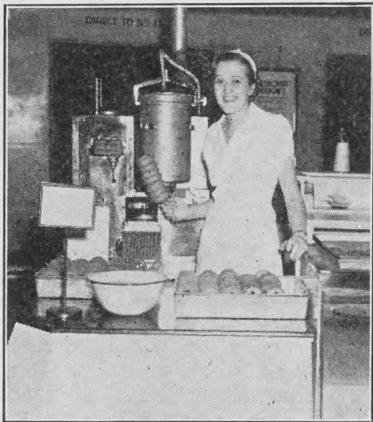
HOW MANY?



AN ARTIST AT WORK

HERE'S TOMMY SIMPKINS of the Ad Department, busy as a beaver as usual sketching for our Flier and Newspaper Ads. In 15 years as chief of the Art Department he figures he has produced somewhere around 35,000 drawings, ranging from 1 inch square to full newspaper page size. Each drawing is sketched from actual merchandise and must be gone over twice, first drawn carefully by pencil, then inked in before it is ready for the engraver.

One of the greatest users of art work is the shoe department, which requires from 900 to 1,000 new drawings of shoes in the year. Tommy is a shoe artist par excellence, one of the best in the country, but this is but a small part of his work. The Furniture is another department requiring much art work, not for the number of drawings, but on account of the detail of graining and styling of the various pieces and their arrangement. Like all true artists Mr. Simpkins would much prefer to be out sketching and painting landscapes and beautiful sunsets, but as he says "one must eat at least once a day." Department Store Art Work has advanced greatly since Mr. Simpkins started in this field and he has constantly kept pace with modern trends. His work covers a multitude of different lines of merchandise and he has produced in addition some fine institutional pages. The number of drawings turned out by this versatile artist and the speed with which they are done are truly remarkably—and—he does them all left handed. Twice during his service with the Bay Mr. Simpkins was successful in winning valuable prizes for designing new packages and labels in Company wide Competitions promoted from Hudson's Bay House. In the summer he is an ardent golfer and in winter ski-ing and bowling are his chief sports.



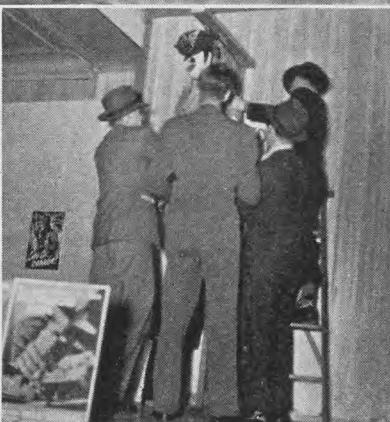
SINKERS

HOW will you have them? "Baymaid" of course by Irene Crawford and the Doughnut Machine. Here she is turning out appetising doughnuts by the scores of dozen a day and they are never touched by hand, a machine does it all, it's a fascinating process to watch. The humble "sinker" has come a long way in the past few years. We can buy them fancied up in many tempting ways with sugar 'n spice and everything nice. Irene is a very busy person, quick and efficient, turning out an average of about 1,680 doughnuts a day. "Bay" customers must like them for they buy to the tune of around 524,000 a year. This has been Miss Crawford's special job for seven years. After hours Irene likes to Ski and gets lots of fun Ski-joring. She is also an expert at rifle shooting and was an active member of the "Bay" Rifle Club until it was discontinued last year. Take home a dozen fresh Baymaid Doughnuts some day, nice sugary ones, you'll like them.

SHINE, SIR?

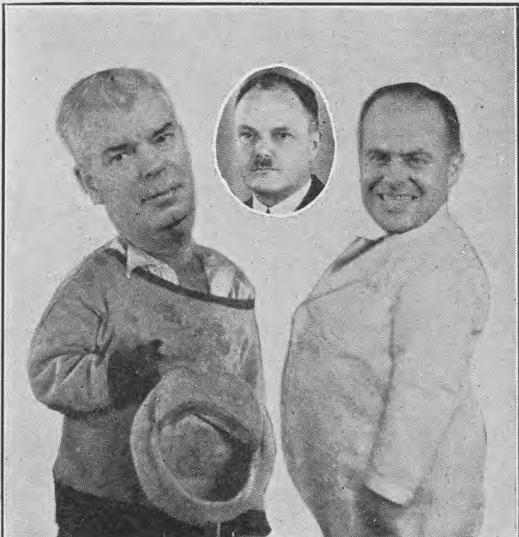
OUR candid Camera-shot shows Bob "Frenchie" Phillips of the Shoe Clinic whose chief activity during Store hours is shining shoes. He is a master at it, having spent 22 years in this line of work, the past 6 with the "Bay". When in the mood, "Frenchie" will shine your shoes to the accompaniment of a song and tap dance. Bob is an ardent Fisherman and a Dog Fancier—a breeder of Boston Bull Terriers. In an average day's work he shines 100 pairs of shoes. In a year he will shine approximately 27,500 pairs. Always cheerful and active "Frenchie" is popular with his fellow workers in the Shoe Clinic and with a host of steady customers. Carry on Bob.





Our camera has caught some shots of the "Hanging of Hitler" skit, so ably presented by the Display Department.

Bottom Left: Presentation of Long Service Awards.



Left: W. P. Barrett waits wistfully, cap in hand, for his new hat . . . the prize for his Divisions' making the greatest increase in Sales during the Harvest Sale. A cup put up for Annual Competition goes with this award. L. H. Benjamin was winner the past two years . . . he's not such a glum loser as he looks. Terry Rudd appears to be putting on weight, but seems quite happy about the whole affair.



LAPEL BADGE



A. I. A. Whitney
Floor Coverings.
15 years' service



SERVICE MEDAL

57 Employees Receive Long Service Awards

BEFORE a Mass Meeting of the Staff on Wednesday November 5th, 54 employees of 15 years standing and 3 of 20 years' service were presented with Cash Awards, Medals, Badges and 1 week extra holidays with pay. The reason for this lengthy list was its coincidence with the 15th Anniversary of the New Store's Opening in November 1926 at which time the staff was greatly augmented. Mr. Klein in his speech congratulating the recipients, pointed out that there were enough in the group to open a Store of their own, with variety to fill every position from Controller to Delivery Man; even a detective to watch the Controller and a nurse to cure his headaches. In addition said Mr. Klein "everyone had available the sum of \$25.00 to put into the business." Mr. R. S. Carey assisted in the presentation of cash and medals. Following this ceremony W. Percy White announced the start of another employees War Savings Drive. Bill Stainton, delivered a stirring appeal which was well received. Following this a bevy of dazzling beauties (elevator operators) with Miss H. Thornquist as Drum Majorette and Soloist led the gathering in Patriotic choruses. The meeting ended in a riot of laughter as the display department put on a Skit entitled "The Hanging of Hitler." The two chief actors, Henry Young as Hitler and Walter Johns as Mussolini brought down the house wth their pungent patter and clowning. Their make-ups were excellent caricatures. At the conclusion a mob from the audience chased them from the stage and an effigy of Hitler was hanged from a gallows amid cheers, hisses and boos.

NOT AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS:

Mrs. N. Palmer, Lingerie Department, 15 years.

Miss I. M. Dickenson, Lingerie Department, 15 years.

H. L. Dargie, Store Service, 15 years.

Miss J. Bird, Juvenile Department, 15 years.

D. J. Beatty, Women's Shoes, 15 years.

S. Agnew, Delivery Department, 15 years.

W. R. Spence, Military Service, 15 years.

H. H. Cardno, Military Service, 15 years.



C. H. Sartwell.
Delivery Department.
15 years' service.



Miss V. Williams.
Women's Coats.
15 years' service.



J. Hepples.
Delivery Department.
15 years' service.



Miss M. Larson.
Drug Department.
15 years' service.



J. C. Dodd.
Basement Shoes.
15 years' service.



Miss B. Cliffe.
Women's Shoes.
15 years' service.



Miss G. Einarson.
Stationery Department.
15 years' service.



Miss T. Paton.
Women's Coats.
15 years' service.



H. D. Pickering.
Meat Department.
15 years' service.



Miss L. Marzette.
Women's Shoes.
15 years' service.



Nurse A. E. Andrew.
Store Hospital.
15 years' service.



Miss J. E. Leach.
Cash Office.
15 years' service.



H. W. Stevenson.
Men's Furnishings.
15 years' service.



Mrs. N. E. Lucas.
Stationery Department.
15 years' service.



Miss R. Cochrane.
Drapery Department.
15 years' service.



A. Anderson.
Hardware Department.
15 years' service.



Miss E. Kozier.
Meat Department.
15 years' service.



T. Tessler.
Tailoring Shop.
15 years' service.



G. Sparrow.
Drapery Department.
15 years' service.



A. B. McFee.
Delivery Department.
15 years' service.



Miss M. Corby.
Wool Department.
15 years' service.



Miss I. Swainson.
Fur Department.
15 years' service.



Mrs. K. Carter.
General.
15 years' service.



W. B. Moffatt.
Basement Shoes.
15 years' service.



Miss R. Harsma.
Marking Room.
15 years' service.



H. W. Hamilton.
Stationery Department.
15 years' service.



J. H. Smith
Controller.
15 years' service.



C. A. Orr.
Men's Furnishings.
15 years' service.



J. S. Morrison.
Basement Men's Wear.
15 years' service.



A. Ferson.
Maintenance Dept.
15 years' service.



V. A. Bray.
Basement Ready-to-Wear.
15 years' service.



A. E. Rossum.
Meat Workroom.
15 years' service.



T. Edmondson.
Meat Department.
15 years' service.



N. Reading.
Delivery Department.
20 years' service.



W. J. Mahood.
Receiving Yard.
15 years' service.



W. T. Horwood.
Lingerie Department.
15 years' service.



D. Pollard.
Meat Department.
15 years' service.



G. E. Hunt.
Men's Clothing.
15 years' service.



Miss C. Carberry.
Basement Juvenile.
15 years' service.



Miss L. Garnette.
Dress Alterations.
20 years' service.



J. M. McColgan.
Delivery Department.
15 years' service.



B. M. Beatty.
Basement Shoes.
15 years' service.



W. Flockton.
Boys' Clothing.
15 years' service.



T. A. Simpkins.
Advertising Dept.
15 years' service.



T. S. Garvie.
Candy Department.
15 years' service.



H. Bishop.
Maintenance Dept.
15 years' service.

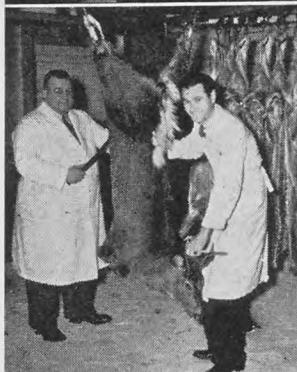


G. Wedlock.
Coal Department.
20 years' service.



E. J. Butcher.
Men's Shoes.
15 years' service.

A'FIELD WITH "BAY" NIMRODS



Top Right: The mighty hunter (Paul Hunter) bags a 175-lb. deer.

Centre Right: W. P. Barrett enjoys his "tea" after the hunt.

Bottom Right: Norm. Douglas bags the "limit" and maybe one extra.

Top: Hugh McCaffery admires Jack Aitken's bird.
Centre: Harvey Hamilton proudly displays the proof of his marksmanship.
Bottom: Tom Edmundson and J. Will cutting up the venison.

A FEW "BAY" MEN WITH THE FORCES



2nd Lt. F. Balls
(Coal Office), R.C.A.



Centre Top: Sgt. E. W. Carley. (China), R.C.A.F.



Lt. Ken Rose (Picture Dept.), R.C.A. S.C.



Right: C. Anderson
(Display), R.C.A.F.,
Yorkton.



Left: Sapper S. G. Holmes (Engineer Dept.), R.C.E.

Right:

CPT. DENNIS SWEETING

and his wife taken at the C.P.R. station November 28th on his arrival from England where he has been attached to Headquarters Staff for some time. Captain Sweeting is proceeding to Kingston to take a four-month course. Dennis has many friends in the store who are glad to hear he is doing so well in military life.

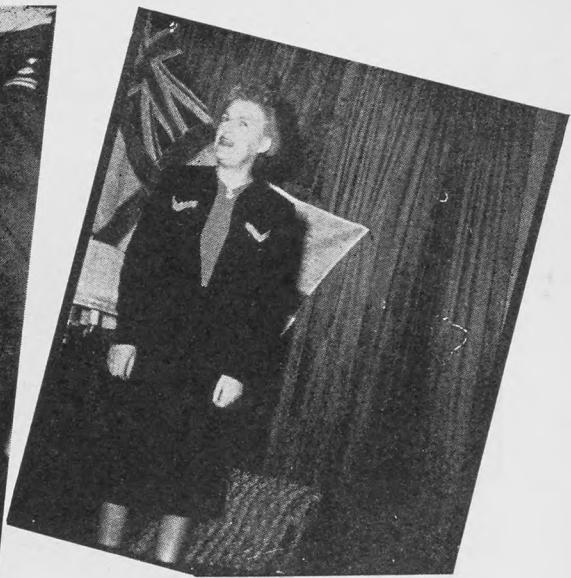




GRACIE FIELDS, England's gifted, popular Comedienne honoured the store with a visit on Saturday, December 6th.

The occasion was a Silver Tea promoted by the Credit Women's Breakfast Club; proceeds going to the Navy League of Canada. The store was thronged with people eager to gain a glimpse of their idol. Gracie spoke in her jolly manner and obliged with several favorite songs. Our photographer was on the spot and caught these delightful snaps of Gracie.

What a personality she has . . . what enthusiasm, vitality and wit. It's little wonder she has been so successful in cheering people and raising money for sailors and soldiers' comforts.





Baby Michael Brown at 6 months, bonny son of G. Brown, Housewares.



AT RIGHT—Daniel George taken at 9 months, husky son of Joe Peterson of the Advertising Department.

Above is Edward Henry, age 5 months, infant son of Henry Edward Young (Display). Henry is mighty proud of Edward and says he is his future caddy.

A STORE LINK WITH THE FUR TRADE

“Koksoak River Brigade” by C. N. Stephen, page 36 the June “Beaver” and the photograph “Winter Landscape, Fort McKenzie, P.Q.” page 35 the December “Beaver,” refer to Fort McKenzie, Quebec, established by Mr. J. S. C. Watt, in 1916, and named in honour of Mr. N. M. W. J. McKenzie, father of Miss Gladys McKenzie, Store Manager’s Office.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS — DECEMBER, 1941

Robertson, William James	Dept. 31-05	
	(Military Service)	15 Years

Scott, Joseph

Dept. 63-01-03	15 Years
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An Arkansas woman advertised for a husband. She got one at a cost of \$9.00. He enlisted in the army and was killed. She got \$3,000.00 insurance and a widow's pension for the rest of her life. Yet some will tell you that advertising doesn't pay!

Fun After Hours—Bowling, Roller Skating



Top: L. to R., D. Patterson, M. Smith, G. Wye, B. McLaren, W. Jones,
M. Moore, G. Pocock.

Bottom: L. to R., J. Young, W. Nowacka, L. Ross, D. Ferris,
M. Dunlop, K. Fowler.

Top: Right, C. Voisey, W. Stainton, L. Buttassi.

Bottom: Right, Joe O'Brien, K. Fowler.

Quite An Order

Toward the end of November our Personal Shopping Service received a welcome order from an old friend — Mr. G. L. Harrison, 1520 Locust Street, Philadelphia Pa., U.S.A. He ordered 135 "Spitfires" Packages of Fort Garry Tea sent to the Staff and Nurses of the Royal Northern Infirmary, Inverness, Scotland. With the order came a card addressed to each nurse and member of the staff. Needless to say our Personal Shoppers attended to this wonderful Gift Order with real pleasure.

LETTERS FROM "BAY" SOLDIERS

H. 19019 Cpl. B. Beer
1st Camerons of Canada,
Somewhere in England,
September 2nd, 1941.

Dear Beaverettes,

Just a line to acknowledge the receipt of your fine parcel and to express my sincere appreciation of such a welcome gift. I really enjoyed the copy of "The Bayonet" more than anything else, because it's like a definite link with the Store to read about the people you worked with and special friends you had and the general "goings on".

It's just two years ago today since I left the Store to go on Active Service with the 1st Batt. of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Dennis Sweeting left at the same time and was in the same battalion. We've been in England since last December so we're fairly well acclimatized. I've been in touch with Art Turpin, whose letter was printed in the June "Bayonet", but so far Art and I haven't had the opportunity for a little pow-wow about "old times".

I've lost touch with most of the fellows who joined up, but from the ones I've been corresponding with it seems to me as though the "boys" are scattered to the four winds in different branches of the Service. We'll certainly have lots of tales to tell each other when we get together again.

We're not doing an awful lot of training at present, except for route marches and such. We've served our "trick" at the coastal defences and are more or less biding our time till something happens. Everyone's in great shape and itching for a crack at the Jerries, so they'll have a surprise when the Russians are finished with them.

We've had some very nice weather this summer, although August was very wet. I hope September stays fine as we Canadians hate the wet weather and will have lots of rain during the winter. Oh for some crisp, cold, winter days or a long hot dry summer? No wonder Canadians always say "There's no place like home."

Well I must close, but will drop you another line later. Thanks again for the parcel. Special regards to the boys in the "Delivery". Cheerio for now.

Sincerely yours,

BERNARD BEER

Gunner A. J. Perks H57005
38 L.A.A. Bty., R.C.A.
Somewhere in England.

The Beaver Club,
Hudson's Bay Company,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sirs,

I wish to thank the members and staff of the Beaver Club for the swell parcel they sent. The contents were more than welcome, because we are unable to purchase such luxuries as biscuits and candy. It came as a great surprise to me and was just right for the occasion of my birthday which was two days later.

I guess by now, Herb Dyck and Art Turpin, have written and told you all about England. It is a very funny country as far as the climate goes. It rains at least five days out of every week.

We have been getting ahead fairly fast since we landed and have now completed our training. A little over a week ago we came back from firing camp with the Battery away in front for top honors. We are now scattered over the country in permanent gun positions, trying to do our bit to end this mess. Being an Ack-Ack Battery here's hoping we bring down a few Jerries and leave our own boys to enjoy some quiet.

Since we left Canada we have travelled into almost every corner of England. Either through Battery movements or on our leaves. We doubt very much if we will ever see another leave until after it is over, but we keep on hoping just the same.

Well folks, that's about all I can say right now, except thanks a million for the parcel. It won't be long now till it's over and we'll all be back at work. So long for present.

Yours truly,

ART PERKS

P.S.—The Battery Number has been changed to the 38th instead of the 10th as before.

D. A. D. O. S.
1st Canadian Division
27th October, 1941.

Dear Beaver Club Members,

Receipt is herewith acknowledged with thanks, for 1000 Wings Cigarettes which reached me last week.

It is really grand to know that all our thoughtful friends back home, are thinking of us, and from information gleaned from "Bay" men over here, I may say that gifts and messages which you have sent, have all been greatly appreciated.

The Hudson's Bay Head Office in London England, has also been a source of comfort by writing to all of the "Bay" men in this country and by offering to entertain all those who are interested enough to call at the Head Office.

Such interest and spirit on the part of the "Bay" is going a long way in helping to make the life of the Canadian Army Overseas much more happy and sociable.

We certainly often think of you all, and hope that the day is not very far away when we shall all be together again in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

DOUG. PEART

Hexton Manor,
Hexton, Hertfordshire,
Sunday, 21st September, 1941

FROM—N/S Marnie B. Hearn, C.A.O.
TO—Miss Gladys McKenzie.

My Dear Glad,

In front of me, to the right, is a half circle of river . . . the trees are just turning . . . a white boat and two white swans float lazily on the water . . . and springs keep up a song just under a stone bridge at the edge of the lawn.

CANADIAN geese are feeding and improving the view over to the left, just where the river goes out of my sight. "Kim" a

lovely and very ridiculous Scottie is backed up against my foot, as I sit in the sun in a comfy chair, on a perfect English lawn. Mrs. Cooper is lying in a hammock reading, Billy has gone to wheedle flowers, peaches and grapes from the gardener for the Hospital, and the Governor has gone to his study. The steps down to the lake are guarded by two ravens, and the boat is chained to the neck of one of the lions—who keep a rather aloof eye on the Canadian geese!

This is a huge estate, and speaking quite personally, I have been happier here these last few hours than I have been so far in England. The house is a grand old Georgian manor, first built in 1030 by a Dane, who gave it to an Order of Monks. The Monks, in turn, sold it to Henry VIII, who gave it to one of his pals. However, the Governor does own it now!

Last night I was looking at the book of photographs of the "Paying of the Rent" and suddenly I saw Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Murdoch, William John McKenzie and Glad! I could have wept—tears weren't very far away. Has Dad joined up yet? 85 is not too old for an Air Navigator.

The peace of this Sunday afternoon will live a long, long time in my memory—sheep and cattle in the lovely meadows—and tea in front of the fire in a few moments. The Governor and Mrs. Cooper have been more than kind to all the HBC Staff Overseas (and ex-HBCs such as myself) and are truly a generous, gracious, wonderful couple. . . .

MARNIE B. HEARN

We have also received letters from the following soldiers, but lack of space does not permit their inclusion in this issue. All express thanks for parcels, cigarettes and enjoy reading the "Bayonet". Pte. E. A. Ryan, R.C.A.S.C., Gnr. H. Dyck, R.C.A. L'c. Corp. E. Northwood, R.C.A.F., L'c Corp. R. T. W. Gargan, R.C.M.P., Provost Co. Sapper S. G. Holmes, R.C.E. Gunner Turpin, and Major Wilson.

Mrs. Fraser of the Millinery was shopping in the Wool Department when a customer asked her to wait on her for wool. Mrs. Fraser explained she was not attached to that department but if the customer could come to the Millinery she would sell her a hat. Believe it or not, the customer came to the Millinery and Mrs. Fraser sold her a hat.



THE "BAY" SKI CLUB

THE SKI CLUB wound up a highly successful year last Spring with a meeting in the Georgian Room, at which were elected the officers for 1941-42, and at which we served FREE tea and sandwiches (don't you wish you had come now!).

The main feature of this gathering was the presenting of the cups, by Mr. G. F. Klein, to the winners of the Ladies' and Men's Slalom Races, which were held at our week-ends at La Riviere.

The Ladies' Cup was won by the former Miss Irene Buchanan. She took it away with her to Calgary when she left us to be married but promised to send it back in the Spring. Our president, Bud Marquardt won the Men's Cup and now that young Bud Junior has finished cutting his teeth on it—he will return it for competition in the Spring. Membership costs only 50c.

Your Executive are as follows: President, Bud Marquardt, Dept. 275; Sec.-Treas. Lillian Sweet, Supt's Office; Committee, Ada Howey, Betty Coyle, Bill Stainton, Jack Aitken, Hughie McCaffery, Joe O'Brien.

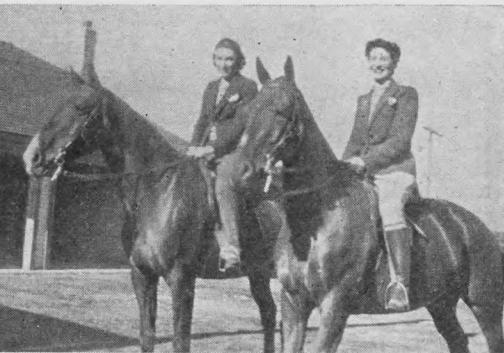
CURLING CLUB

A MEETING was held in the Beaver Club rooms in November to organize for the winter's curling. Last year's officers did such a good job that most of them were elected to carry on again. Here they are: President J. Bussell; Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Johnstone; Committee, W. Matthews, G. Ferme, F. Parker.

Games will take place on Wednesdays at the Granite Rink. Twenty-four players have signed up to play under the following skips. D. Johnstone, (last year's champion); W. Calder, F. Parker, T. Reith, G. Ferme and G. Brown (meats).



Mrs. D. Stevenson and
Daughter Belinda



K. McConvey, Eleanor Wright

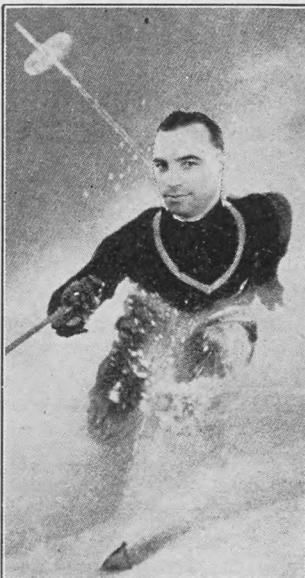
Hudson's Bay Riding Club

By LIL SWEET

This year our Riding Club was affiliated with the Cambridge Riding Stables and all the members thoroughly enjoyed our rides there. We had approximately 25 members this year and every Wednesday afternoon or Thursday evening you could see assorted numbers (and sizes) out riding. It was really grand and you could see the improvement the girls made in their riding due to excellent coaching.

We ended the season with a grand party given the Club members by Mr. and Mrs. Kane at the Cambridge Stables. While there we held the election for officers for next year and did very well for ourselves in having Miss Betty Coyle of the Hardware elected President, and Miss Grace Wye, Training Dept. Secretary-Treasurer.

AT RIGHT: Surprise! We didn't know Frank Morris was such a whiz on skis.



BOWLING BULLETIN

THAT competition is very keen in the Five-Pin Mixed League is evidenced by the close race in the first series. The Doits, captained by Orval Harvey (Grocery) won the series, but there was only four games between top and bottom team and five teams tied for third place. Orval's team includes Emma Cannon, Mina Smith, Winona Trigwell and Clarence Moore, all of the Grocery.

After four weeks playing the second series Albert Doer's (Tobaccos) Doodlers a mixed team of C. Duddles, Hosiery; Irene Moody, Post Office, Peggy Wilson, Audit and Bill Stainton lead with 10 wins and 2 losses.

HIGH SCORES

SINGLE GAME

Men		Ladies	
A. Doer	345	E. Cannon	312
R. McLaren	340	A. Fink	286
H. McCaffrey	298	G. Handford	239
		I. Husley	239

THREE GAME

Men		Ladies	
A. Doer	877	E. Cannon	721
R. McLaren	797	A. Fink	670
H. McCaffrey	757	G. Handford	658

TEAM HIGH SCORES

Brats — 1020

Brats — 2890

Lucky winners in the Turkey Shoot held December 8, were Emma Cannon, Muriel Moore, Irene Moody, Grace Wye, Bud Marquardt, Austin Wood, George Hunter and Homer Manos.

The "Bay" is represented in the Boot and Shoe League and we are glad to report that they have assured themselves of a place in the play-offs by copping the first series. This team includes Stan Smith, Gord. Ashcroft, Bert Neal, Don McKay, H. Berge.

We are also represented in the City Senior Five-Pin League and here too Hudson's Bay took the first series.

Congrats. to the Ladies' Team from Hudson's Bay House who carried off the Ruth Bannon Memorial Bowling Trophy.

Maybe He Will Retire, Now

WE REFER to Bud Marquardt, starry member of the Winnipeg "Blue Bombers" Rugby Football Club, champions of Canada. Bud decided to retire last year (being happily married with a wife and baby to care for) but this fall under strong pressure he turned up again with the Bombers.

A good thing for the club we'd say for Bud has played strongly all season, doing his full share toward helping the club gain the Western Canada Championship.

It is history now how Bud was one of the leading lights at Ottawa as the Bombers defeated the Eastern Champs, Ottawa Rough Riders and brought back the Grey Cup to Winnipeg.

The team returned to Winnipeg on Tuesday, December 2nd and was given a rousing civic welcome — the party to the number of 175 later gathering in our dining room for a Victory Breakfast. This affair was presided over by Mr. Klein who tendered the heartfelt thanks of the Company for the job the Bombers had done.

Notables present included Lt. Governor of Manitoba Mr. McWilliams, Premier Bracken, Acting Mayor of Winnipeg P. Bardal and Mayor McLean of St. Boniface.

Milk For Britain

As usual the Beaver Club was ready to help a worthy cause and when the Kinsmen Club asked our aid in raising pennies for milk for Britain, Bill Stainton organized a drive in the Store. We raised a sum of \$48.82. This was acknowledged over CJRC on the penny parade program.

Here is a copy of the letter sent to the Kinsmen's Club: Gentlemen,

Please find enclosed 4,882 pennies the result of the Bay's Penny Parade on December 3rd in aid of the milk for Britain Fund.

We appreciate having had the privilege of helping and wish you every success in this worthy effort.

Yours Faithfully,
For the Beaver Club,
W. T. STAINTON

“Ladie-e-es an’ Gen’lmen—Hr-rumph . . . ”

By CECE AMES

DEMOSTHENES, the famous Greek orator loosened up his tonsils with unsavory pebbles—but the Bay Better Public Speaking Group has a better idea—their weekly meetings start with a tasty dinner served in the private dining room.

The cosmopolitan group was started two months ago and numbers about twenty-five Bayites—men and girls—merchandise managers and saleclerks. The only qualification required of a new member is an earnest desire to improve his platform poise. Parliamentary procedure is strictly enforced by the club's capable chairman, Stewart Morrison. “Bus” Bussell is vice-chairman and Betty Lough, secretary. Everyone takes a turn at introducing and thanking the guest critic, and proposing the toast. If you're not labelled for one of these jobs you're called on to make a three-minute speech on any subject you select.

Helpful, constructive criticism was offered the first four nights by the store's executives Mr. J. Smith, Mr. R. S. Carey, Mr. N. W. Douglas and Mr. G. F. Klein respectively.

Restaurant News

We are glad to hear that Jim Morgan of the bakery has gained a commission as lieutenant. He graduated recently at Gordon Head, B.C. Good work “Jimmy”.

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We wish all happiness in her married life to Mrs. Biendi, formerly Stella Zarone of the Cafeteria. She was wed on October 11th.

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Ethel Jaggard has been sick for some weeks. Her many friends expect to see her back “in the pink” after the New Year.

**Your Dollars
Are Needed
NOW!**

**Buy More
War
Savings
Certificates!**

ON MILITARY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER, 1941

Dept.			
54-01	Glinz, H. S.	R.C.A.F.	Aircraftsman
185	Munsie, W. P.	R.C.N.V.R.	Sub-Lieutenant
215-366	Dvorak, George	R.C.A.F.	R 134581, Clerk
22-01	Argue, E. C.	Q.O.C.H.	2nd Lieutenant
54-01	Burns, Jack	R.C.A.	
180	Coleman, Ross	R.C.A.F.	Radio Mechanic
62-04	Palmer, Kenneth	R.C.A.F.	Radio Mechanic

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Horrocks, Miss W. S., D.M. 145, 150—Resigned, ill health.
Ogilvie, C. A., Calgary Store—to A.D.M. 366.
Sheen, R. E., Sales Trainer—to Calgary Store.
Rodger, Miss Louise, D.M. 149, Dressmaking—Resigned, ill health.
Czerny, Miss F., Dept. 149—to D.M. 149.
D.M.—Department Manager A.D.M.—Assistant Dept. Manager

"BAY" GIRLS LEAVE FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

Three girls have recently severed connection with the Store and joined the C.W.A.C. They are Kathleen McConvey, Men's Furnishings; Elizabeth Armstrong, Grocery, and L. Hanley, Shipping Department. Well done, girls. Good luck!

DRUG ASSISTANT IS NOW LIEUTENANT

Malcolm MacKenzie left for Camp Borden early in December on active service, with the rank of lieutenant. He has been assistant in the Drug Department for the past two years. His associates presented him with a Rolls razor.

THE PASSING SHOW



On October 23rd the Audit girls and their friends held a shower at Miss P. Wilson's home in honour of Miss Betty Ellis, a popular member of the office staff. Miss Ellis was presented with a silver tray. Our picture caught them in a merry mood. Betty has our best wishes for all the happiness she deserves.

On Saturday, November 8th, Crescent - Fort Rouge Church was the scene of the wedding of **Elizabeth Ruth "Betty" Ellis** to **Mr. William Albert "Bill" Neville**, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Bill was for several years a valuable member of the advertising office. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the

bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Neville left for a trip to the West and on their return will reside in Fort William, where "Bill" is an instructor with the rank of Lieutenant. Friends from the Office Staff and the Ad Department were present at the wedding.

We're glad to hear that **Mrs. L. Belfie's** (Dept. 150)

little girl is on the mend. Not so long ago she was rushed to the hospital with appendicitis.

A long vacation has certainly worked wonders for **Leona Letheran** of Dept. 150. She looks in the pink now.

Mezzanine Gossip

Miss Hilda Krause who has long been one of our leading lights in the Employment Office, decided to take off for the fair city of Vancouver and from all reports is enjoying herself immensely.

Ann Bos of our Customers' Service Bureau suddenly decided that an appendix was an unnecessary evil and had hers out on November 27th. She is coming along nicely now and her only trouble is she can't get enough to eat!

Barbara Kirk of the Coal Office is now filling **Hilda Krause's** vacant desk and doing a grand job too. We welcome Barbara and hope she likes us well enough to stay.

Mr. W. Curry, being turned down by the Army on account of his health, is now turning his energy to making the wheels of industry run smoothly, although much disappointed in not making the Army.

Irene Moody in the Post Office set some kind of a re-

cord when so many came up to mail their Christmas parcels for overseas—however, no matter how thick and fast they came they always found Irene smiling.

The "Glamour Section" of the Hudson's Bay—as the Air Force boys at Carberry call the group of girls who go down and dance with them, have been down two or three times since the Spring, and also up to the Kin Kanteen. They do say that "Bay" girls are right in there when it comes to entertaining and the boys all look forward to their arrival.

Lew Smith of the Delivery Department had a very "Special Delivery" to make not long ago, when he gave **Peggy Baker** of the Paint Department a beautiful diamond ring. Congratulations, Lew!

Dorothy Newell of the Houseware Department has also received a "sparkler."

Drapery Workroom

Selma Peterson became **Mrs. T. Graham** on November 1st. Heaps 'n' heaps of happiness to both.

Edna Bull joined the ranks of the "newly weds" on December 3rd, when she became **Mrs. J. McKay**.

We hear that **Peggy Bruce** is engaged.



On September 25th girls from the Telephone Room and friends numbering 72 entertained at a shower in the Beaver Club in honour of Miss O. Ollerinshaw. The bride-elect was presented with red and white kitchen utensils.

Beth Wood of our Magazine Section was married to **Fred Chapman** on Wednesday, September 17th.

Meaty News

On October 11th at Holy Trinity Church, Olga Shaw became **Mrs. Alex. McCallum**. The ceremony was followed by a reception at Moore's Tea Rooms. Lots of happiness to both.

Marg Saunders is proudly sporting a diamond from **Private Lyons** of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, who has left for overseas service.

On November 7th, the old

refrain "Happy Birthday to You" was sung lustily for **Mr. T. Edmondson**, our "chief." The girls presented him with a lovely red rose — which matched his blush. Many more happy birthdays, "boss."

Birthday congratulations from our staff to our six winners of Long Service Awards. This is a record, yes indeed, six in one department! You'll see their pictures on another page.

Messages From The Telephones

Mrs. Q. Weir, formerly of our Auxiliary Telephone

Staff, and now working in our Vancouver Store, paid us a visit early in October.

Hope Rutherford, the vivacious blonde "Hello Girl," was the recipient of a pair of book ends from her co-workers when she left the Store recently.

Her new position is Secretary at Riverbend School — best wishes, Hope!

On September 13th, **Phyllis Palmer** became engaged to **Mr. D. Stewart**. Who says the 13th isn't lucky?

Betty Dean of the Millinery Department became **Mrs. C. Lawrence** on December 13th at St. George's Church. In her honour **Miss Ann Lohr** entertained at her house with a kitchen shower. The guest of honour was presented with Kitchen Gadgets, in red and white. Betty's jovial and admirable personality won her many friends here. She's the type of person who will be greatly missed by her large clientele, as well as the Store Staff. In her short business career she rose through the ranks to Head of Sales in the Millinery Department. Goodbye, Betty! We hope to see you as a "Bay" customer often.

The Audit Office has certainly been hard hit lately: **Miss C. Thornsteinson** was away a month with bronchitis. **Miss B. Grose**, **Miss P. Van**

Alstyne, **Miss V. Johnson**, **Miss K. Allen** and **Miss T. Wilson** have all been away with the flu. We're glad to see that most of these members of our staff are back to work again and feeling fine. We wish a speedy recovery for the others and hope to see them back very soon.

Miss M. Cohurn of the Jewellery Dept., is now **Mrs. Stan Ratcliffe**. We all join in wishing her many long years of happiness.

Miss G. Turner, of Dept. 80, is back on the job again after having been away for some weeks for an appendectomy operation.

The Members of Department 80 and the Staff regret the loss of Dorothy Russell. After a very short illness, her sudden death came as a great shock, for she was well known throughout the Store and liked by all. Our sympathy and condolences are extended to her parents and immediate family.

Mr. R. W. Easte of Basement Men's Furnishings has gone "back home" to the Men's Clothing, Second Floor.

Miss C Collingwood of Dept. 265 has left to be married in Toronto. We wish her the best.



In honour of Kitty Carson, whose marriage to Mr. L. Turaldo of Regina took place December 4th, Kay Wallace and Thelma Hayes entertained at a kitchen shower at Kay's home. Mrs. Nora Lucas, of the Stationery Department, presided at the tea table. Our picture shows members of the Stationery Section who attended.

Ross Coleman of Dept. 180 has joined the R.C.A.F. Good luck, Ross!

Gladys Wilson of Dept. 50 has a new ring and will be leaving us to be married on Boxing Day. You're a lucky man, **Archibald Newman**.

We're glad to see **Miss McGrath** of the Basement Lingerie back to work after a bout of the 'flu.

Mrs. Brian Dugdail (Doris Percy of the Candy Dept.) had a new daughter in September.

Charlie Harrison of our Display Dept. has a new daughter, Sherrill May, and he is certainly a proud Papa!

Miss M. Ball, of the Basement Smallwares is now **Mrs.**

Steves. We all wish her the "best of everything."

Miss Mary Stewart was the recipient of a "beautiful sparkler." Our loss will be Fort William's gain in the early part of next year.

Department 151

—sends wishes for an early recovery, vim and vigour to **Marg. McLean**. Marg. broke her ankle early in October and expects to be back at work again before Christmas.

Miss Irene Dickenson is looking forward to more "Bay" visitors. Irene is in King Edward Hospital convalescing.

Mary McConnell is now on the road to recovery after an appendix operation.

Save Tinfoil and Help Foil Hitler

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME — the time of year when your heart is filled with love and kindness to your fellowmen. — the desire to make this Season just a little brighter, a little happier for others and particularly the less fortunate.

An excellent example of real charity is the work done by the McKinnon Guild to the Children's Hospital. The members of the Guild give much time and spend a great deal of energy in supporting the orthoptic clinic for underprivileged children. You too, can help in this wonderful work — you can help put a happy smile on the faces of these kiddies on Christmas morning. The personal satisfaction you'll get — the actual happiness you will feel in return will more than repay you for that extra effort on your part.

Between now and Christmas (and after) make a point of saving all tinfoil that you possibly can — from cigarette packages (you know how much of it is thrown out at this Season) — also from chocolate boxes, and of course the usual toothpaste, shaving cream, vaseline and cold cream tubes that make an excellent source.

All the tinfoil is collected sorted and sold to the Canadian Government by the McKinnon Guild. By a slight effort on your part the amount received can be greatly increased.

Drop your contribution in the container at the Employees entrance — or place it in the carton in the Beaver Club Room.

Remember, Christmas will be happier for you if you make it happy for someone else.

ADA O'BRIEN

Hudson's Bay Company Enlisted Men and Women

Please Send Your

**OFFICIAL MILITARY
ADDRESSES
CANADIAN and OVERSEAS**

to

Personnel Superintendent,
Hudson's Bay Company,
Retail Store,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

The Store Management—the Beaver Club—the London Buying Office—are all anxious to help you in any way we can, and we need this information in order to do so.

**Name of Unit — Rank, Regiment, Registration No.
Date Proceeded Overseas**

Thank you very much.